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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented): A keyboard comprising;
a switch,
a rigid key allowing an operator to operate the switch, a front face having an opening traversed by the rigid key, and
sealing means preventing particles from penetrating between the rigid key and the opening,
wherein the sealing means comprise a flexible membrane traversed by the rigid key, attached to the key and to the front face.
2. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein the flexible membrane is attached to the rigid key and to the front face by bonding.
3. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein it comprises means of limiting the travel of the rigid key relative to the front face.
4. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 3, wherein the limitation means comprise a shoulder of the rigid key, and in that the shoulder is capable of butting against the front face when the operator presses on the rigid key.
5. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 4, wherein the flexible membrane is attached to the rigid key on the shoulder.
6. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein it comprises means of lighting the rigid key via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key is transparent.

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7. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 2, wherein it comprises means of limiting the travel of the rigid key relative to the front face.

8. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 2, wherein it comprises means of lighting the rigid key via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key is transparent.

9. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 3, wherein it comprises means of lighting the rigid key via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key is transparent.

10. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 4, wherein it comprises means of lighting the rigid key via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key is transparent.

11. (Previously Presented): The keyboard as claimed in claim 5, wherein it comprises means of lighting the rigid key via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key is transparent.

12. (New): The keyboard as claimed in claim 1, wherein the flexible membrane is cup shaped.

13. (New): The A keyboard comprising:
a switch,
a rigid key allowing an operator to operate the switch, a front face having an opening traversed by the rigid key, and
a flexible membrane traversed by the rigid key, attached to the key and to the front face to prevent particles from penetrating between the rigid key and the opening.